

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3435

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JOINT WORKING GROUP FOR IDENTIFICATION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Italy for forming a joint working group that will identify railway projects of mutual interest;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Railways have any proposal to make joint bidding with Italy in construction and consultancy projects in other countries; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) : Yes, Sir.
- (b) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Railways and Ferrovie Dello Stato (Italian Railways) to promote cooperation in the rail sector between the two countries. The MOU was signed on 3.7.2006 at Rome on the occasion of the recent visit of a High Level Delegation, headed by the Hon'ble Minister of Railways. A Joint Working Group would be set up to finalise the details of cooperation projects between the two Railways and their implementation arrangements.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.